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Grant-in-Aid Code. The Government are however giving an annual recurring block grant of Rs. 10,000 to the Institute from 1953–54."

Retrenchment of Forest Guards

* 931 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) how many, if any, Forest Guards have been retrenched in 1954 from the Wynaad Division and why; and

(b) the total monthly salary paid to all these retrenched hands together?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Twenty-nine Forest Guards were ordered to be retrenched with effect from 1st December 1954 in the Wynaad Forest Division. The Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund Circle, considered that the staff sanctioned for the division was surplus to requirements. The orders of retrenchment have however been stayed and the matter is under consideration.

" (b) Rs. 1,266–8–0."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" What are the reasons for these Forest Guards being ordered to be retrenched? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The obvious reasons are that there was no need for as many as 29 Guards more."

Alleged murder of the brother of one C. M. Kelappan

11-40 a.m. * 932 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 5th November 1954, from one Chathoth Meethal Kelappan of Villiapalli, Badagara, North Malabar, regarding the manner of investigation into the alleged murder of his brother on 28th October 1954 at Ponneri village; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise."

Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Unfortunately even yesterday some of the Ministers were saying that the memorandum was addressed to the Members of the Assembly and that only a copy of it was sent to the Ministers. But I received only a copy of the memorandum addressed to the Chief Minister. In it, it is stated that the person is said to have committed suicide by hanging from a beam which is 4½ feet high from the floor whereas the